

# **DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**

## **To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Niagara, Boston.  
Sch. Rob Roy, Boston.  
Sch. Oceanus, Boston.

### **Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Norma, halibuting.  
Sch. Harvard, halibuting.

### **To-day's Market.**

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3 3-4 per cwt., medium do., \$2 1-2; large trawl Georges, \$3 1-2, medium do., \$2 3-8; handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable, \$3 1-2; medium do., \$2 3-8; large trawl bank cod, \$2.75; medium do., \$2.25 large dory handline cod, \$2 7-8, medium do., \$2 3-8.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$2.10; medium do., \$1.25; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, 75 cts.; hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Frozen herring, \$3.50 per hundred weight.

### **Boston.**

Feb. 2—Ar., sch. Hiram Lowell, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 halibut, 4000 cusk, 600 pollock.

Sch. Olga, 30,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 500 halibut.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake, 800 cusk, 300 pollock.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 1000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sloop Venus, 500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 3500 cod.

Sch. Lucy Devlin, 6800 cod.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 5000 haddock, 600 cod, 800 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.75; large cod, \$4.75 to \$5; market cod, \$2.30 to \$2.75; hake, \$2.50; cusk, \$2.

### **Rockport.**

### **Herring News.**

Schs. T. M. Nicholson and Winona are reported at Burin, N. F., waiting for a chance to sail for home.

Schs. Dreadnaught and J. J. Flaherty have completed the discharge of their frozen herring cargoes at Philadelphia and will load coal for this port.

### **Are Food Fishes Increasing?**

There seems to be a general opinion among fishermen, as well as among those who should be posted accurately on these matters, that there is a strong probability of the return in large numbers of many of the most important food fishes to their old grounds along the Maine coast. Mackerel appeared last season in larger schools than for many years, while the increase in the cod-fishing fares has been remarkable. After a long absence the menhaden came fairly well, and herring, except perhaps the very small ones that were slaughtered in the greed of some sardine packers.

It would seem as if there were an ebb and flood at stated and long periods of time, when fish would be plenty or scarce. In the hopeful view of the future, Fish Commissioner Whidden fully agrees. It would, indeed, be pleasant to have Maine and Portland again at the front in this great industry. It is only about 25 years ago when off the coast of Maine was the best fishing this side of the "Banks," and it may all come again to a younger generation.—Portland Transcript.

# **DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**

## **To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Dictator, Gully, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 8000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Fanny Hayden, Boothbay Harbor, 25,000 lbs. frozen shore herring.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball, Southwest Harbor, 800 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. John B. Norris, Southwest Harbor, 1400 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Lillian, Southwest Harbor, 1000 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. E. A. Whitmore, Southwest Harbor, 800 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Ralph Russell, shore.

Sch. John M. Keen, shore.

Sch. Oceanus, shore.

### **To-day's Market.**

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3 3-4 per cwt., medium do., \$2 1-2; large trawl Georges, \$3 1-2, medium do., \$2 3-8; handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable, \$3 1-2; medium do., \$2 3-8; large trawl bank cod, \$2.75; medium do., \$2.25 large dory handline cod, \$2 7-8, medium do., \$2 3-8.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$2.10; medium do., \$1.25; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, 75 cts.; hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

Frozen herring, \$3.50 per hundred weight.

### **Boston.**

Feb. 4—Ar., sch. Tecumseh, 1000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Jessie, 4500 cod.

Sch. Cynosure, 7000 haddock, 300 cod, 300 hake, 200 pollock.

Sch. Richard Lester, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Wm. A. Morse, 5000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Ellen M. Doughty, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake, 700 pollock.

Sch. Thomas W. Knight, 12,000 haddock, 700 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Lettie G. Howard, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 5000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Maud S., 8000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Almeida, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4500 hake, 600 cusk.

Haddock, \$2.80; large cod, \$4.50; market cod, \$2.75; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3.

### **Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Schs. Hattie A. Heckman, Edward Trevo, Vigilant, Indiana, Navahoe, Judique, Eliza H. Parkhurst, Volant, Blanche, Edith M. Prior, Kentucky, Lucinda I. Lowell, Jennie B. Hodgdon, Arbutus and Nereid of the haddocking fleet, hailing from this port, were at Shelburne, N. S., last Tuesday.

### **Herring News.**

The St. John's N. F. Trade Review says: "The regulations by which a standard barrel and a minimum price for herring have been set up are now approved of by all the herring catchers. There is now none of the old-time scramble, the unreasonable competition, and the throwing over of the thousands of dollars' worth of valuable food. The herring fishery of the country has been put on a proper footing, and, if properly nursed and looked after, will become one of the best paying factors in the country."

### **Fishing Facts and Fancies.**

The weight of fish delivered at Billingsgate Market during December was 12,689 tons, and 61 tons, 8 cwt., were condemned as unfit for food.

# **BIG LOBSTER HATCHERY.**

Will Soon Be Located on the Coast of Maine.

The work on Maine's new lobster hatchery, to cost not more than \$10,000, according to a bill which Mr. Littlefield had passed in the House and Mr. Hale in the Senate recently and which the President will sign within a few days, will be prosecuted industriously, but the commissioner said he thought it would be about a year before it would be running at full blast. The commissioner has not settled upon any location, although he has in mind some well sheltered harbor on the coast in Lincoln county, where there will be room for the necessary docks and plenty of space for the construction of salt water ponds. The building will probably be a one story wooden structure and, as far as the appropriation will allow, will contain the most modern and thorough equipment for the work.

The hatchery will be the first separate and permanent institution of its kind ever built by the government. The hatching of lobsters is carried on now on quite an extensive scale at Woods Hole and at this port, but it is done in connection with other work of fish propagation at the places named.

After the coming season the operations of collecting lobster spawn and hatching lobsters, not improbably will centre in the Maine hatchery and very properly so, as the lobster catching in Maine is more important than in any other state of the union. The new station will undoubtedly be the location of a great deal of experimental work, as the hatching of lobsters is still, in a sense, experimental.

The fish commission is not certain whether any considerable portion of the young lobster fry survive after they are turned loose in old ocean, although that is also true of quite a number of fishes. Millions of the young lobsters were dumped into the salt water at points along the Maine coast last year, but the fish culturists would like very much to know how many of them are still little live lobsters. The young fry cannot be kept at any great length of time after they are hatched as they are great cannibals and devour one another when kept in close proximity.

Then it is an open question whether the natural processes of propagation can be hastened by artificial processes. It requires ordinarily about 10 or 11 months for the little eggs to hatch but in very warm water the hatching requires less time. But the fish culturists are not certain whether it is advisable to turn the little lobster into the ocean in winter, rather than in summer, as is the practice now. It has been argued that they escape many of the enemies that flourish in summer in salt water, but it may be that there are even more destructive enemies about in the winter.

### **Lots of Cured Fish.**

There are four cargoes of cured fish, mostly cod and hake, aggregating 4000 quintals, at this port this morning. Some of the fish are on the market.

### **Maiden Trip.**

The new sch. Dictator, Capt. Lemuel Spinney, arrived from her maiden trip this morning with a good fare, 25,000 pounds of halibut and 8000 pounds of cod.